

Application No. 09/986,234
Amendment dated February 22, 2005

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview on February 15, 2005, and the Examiner's telephone message of February 18, 2005, permitting the Applicant to change the election from the claims of Group X to the claims of Group XVII.

Upon entry of this amendment, the pending claims are claims 2-4, 9-11, 23-24, 34 and 82-83. Claims 82 and 83 are new. Claims 2-4, 9-11, 23-24 and 34 are amended. Support for these claims may be found in the claims and specification as originally filed. Applicant has canceled claims 1, 5-8, 12-22, 25-33, 35-37, 39, 41 and 43-81, which are drawn to non-elected groups. Claims 38, 40 and 42 have also been canceled as the subject matter contained therein is contained in pending claims 34, 82 and 83. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any non-elected subject matter in a continuation application filed during the pendency of the present application.

The remaining claims, after entry of the election presented herein, have been amended in order to place the application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added by these amendments.

In view of the above amendment and these remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner permit the above pending claims to pass to issue in due course.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with
the filing of this paper, or credit any overpayment in any fees, to our Deposit Account,
Number 08-3040.

Respectfully submitted,

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